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Continued Examination (RCE)  
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Application Number	10/034,296
Filing Date	December 21, 2001
First Named Inventor	Stepanian, Christopher J.
Art Unit	1771
Examiner Name	Jennifer A. Boyd
Attorney Docket Number	022024-000300US

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 20-1430. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Christopher J. Stepanian et al.

Application No.: 10/034,296

Filed: December 21, 2001

For: AEROGEL COMPOSITE WITH  
FIBROUS BATTING

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 9746

Examiner: Jennifer A. Boyd

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1771

AMENDMENT and REPLY UNDER 37  
C.F.R. § 1.114 (RCE)

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Sir:

This is in response to the "final" Office Action mailed 28 May, 2004, which set 28 August 2004 as the initial deadline for response. Accordingly, a Petition for a three-month extension of time (with two months having been previously paid for), until 28 November 2004, is enclosed herewith.

Claims 1-48 remain pending. Reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.